Department, a preliminary enquiry is conducted by the concerned Prohibition Officer in regard to the offence, the evidence and whether the accused is a hireling, etc., before the prosecution is launched.

" (b) Prosecutions are not entrusted to the police if the cases are detected by the staff of the Excise (Prohibition) Department in the Excise (Prohibition) Districts. In these districts, prosecutions are conducted by the Excise (Prohibition) staff only. The police, when they detect prohibition cases in the Excise districts charge the cases themselves and attend to the prosecution."

Grant to Kasturi Devi High School, Nellore.

* 685 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to answer, dated 2nd December 1952, given to unstarred question No. 78—

(a) whether the Government has disbursed the remaining amount of grant of Rs. 10,000 to Kasturi Devi High School, Nellore; and

(b) if not, why?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) No.

" (b) The question of disbursing the balance of the grant is under correspondence with the management of the school who have been asked by the Director of Public Instruction to furnish certain particulars regarding the tenders for the work."

Selection of temporary candidates by the Service Commission.

* 686 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) in the case of 9 (a) (i) candidates who did not get the approved minimum marks for the purposes of selection by the Service Commission in the S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examinations but who were selected by the Madras Public Service Commission after the examination held by the said Commission in 1951, whether it is a fact that such selected persons will not be eligible for promotion till they sit again for S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examinations once again and obtain minimum marks for eligibility for selection by Service Commission; and

(b) whether the passing of departmental tests by the Government employees alluded in (a) enable them to become eligible for promotion, without their having to sit again for S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examinations?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) The candidates referred to by the hon. Member will be eligible for promotion to higher posts only if they secure the required minimum number of marks by applying again for the

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S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Explanations. Alternatively, they may get themselves qualified for such promotion by passing the S.S.L.C. standard test conducted by the Madras Public Service Commission in two papers, viz.,—

(i) Essay, Part I regional language only; and

(ii) Translation in two parts (from English to regional language and *vice versa*), and such of those who pass the above test need not appear again for the S.S.L.C. or Intermediate Examination to secure the minimum number of marks.

"(b) No. They will have to acquire the minimum general qualification also before promotion."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 687 *Q*.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total number of male totis, female totis and male and female nursing orderlies separately employed in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam;

(*b*) whether it is in proportion to the bed strength of the hospital and in accordance with the prescribed rules;

(*c*) what is the sanctioned bed strength in the hospital in the year 1952; and

(*d*) what is the average (per day) number of in-patients in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) Male toties 28 (includes a leave reserve of 3). Female toties 26 (includes a leave reserve of 4). Male nursing orderlies 54 (includes a leave reserve of 6). Female nursing orderlies 49 (includes a leave reserve of 7).

"(*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) 700.

"(*d*) 798."

Cut in the pay of daffadars.

* 688 *Q*.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that about a rupee or two was cut out of the pay of the daffadars in the State;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the cut; and

(*c*) the scale of the pay of an inferior servant (peon) in 1931, 1941 and 1951 (excluding dearness allowance)?